

## Executive Summary

In August of 2001, Mayor Wesely appointed the Mayor's Floodplain Task Force, representing a range of stakeholders from the community, to formulate recommendations regarding the development of new floodplain standards (see Charge Statement in Chapter 1 and Floodplain Task Force Membership in Appendix C). The City and the Lower Platte South NRD provided staff support for the Task Force and were funding partners in the development of technical studies completed by the Corps of Engineers (COE) and Camp Dresser, and McKee Inc. (CDM) to support the work of the Task Force. *(See Executive Summaries for Technical Studies in Appendix H).*

The Corps of Engineers study summarized various floodplain management strategies used in other communities, and modeled the impacts of alternative scenarios on Dead Man's Run and Beal Slough in Lincoln, which were selected as representative floodplain areas for Lincoln. The CDM study modeled the impact of a rise in flood heights on public infrastructure, studied the economic impact of alternative floodplain management scenarios on private development, and evaluated additional floodplain management strategies used by other communities. While the studies were being completed, the Task Force was presented with and considered a broad range of additional information which is summarized in Appendix E.

In December of 2002, the Task Force began a decision-making process and met twice a month through March of 2003 to formulate recommendations for floodplain standards. Policy recommendations were clearly separated into two areas: 1) New Growth Areas, and 2) the Existing Urban Area, and can be found in Chapter 2. The recommendations for both areas are summarized below:

1. Adopt No Adverse Impact Policy
2. Improve Accuracy of Floodplain Maps
3. Adopt New Floodplain Standard
4. Provide Flexibility for Stream Crossings
5. Apply Stream Buffers to Mapped Floodplains and Smaller Streams
6. Preserve Flood Storage on Surplus Property
7. Develop a Floodplain Buyout Program
8. Do **Not** Charge Floodplain Development Fee
9. Encourage Best Management Practices
10. Take Action Regarding Salt Creek Floodplain Through Lincoln  
(N/A for New Growth Areas)
11. Encourage Higher Building Construction Standards
12. Protect Lateral Additions to Non-Residential Structures
13. Provide Incentives for Cluster Development
14. Use Best Available Floodplain Study Information
15. Improve Floodplain Disclosure in Real Estate Transactions
16. Improve Methods for Assessing Floodplain Properties